Application Number

### RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER

MAY 0 9 2007

PYO/SB/39 Revised (\$/20/06)
Approved for use through xoxoxicus OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction act of 1895, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMBV control number.

### REQUEST

# CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued exemination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American inventors Protection Act of 1899 (AIPA).

Filing Date

December 14, 1998

First Named Inventor

William J. Boyle

Group / Art Unit

1644

Examiner Name

Michael Edward Szperka

Attorney Docket No.

A-451M

09/211,297

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F. R. § 1.114 is offictive on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued protection (CPA) under 37 C.F. R. § 1.33 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provision of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice Interim Rule, 85 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), OR. Gez. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice. Submission required under 37 C.F. R. § 1.114 Previously submitted Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ij. iii. Enclosed  $\boxtimes$  $\boxtimes$ Amendment/Reply Ĺ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) ii. П Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) lil. П Other iv 2. Miscellaneous Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) a period of \_ ☐ Other The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed. 3. Fees The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 01-0519 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in the amount of \$790.00. i. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) in the amount of \$\_ ii. extension of time is required, please consider this a request therefor. Other. Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_ \_\_ is enclosed b. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) NAME (PrintType) Robert B. **∕**Winter May 9, 2007 Date: SIGNATURE CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on: Nola J. Diamond NAME (Print/Type) Euron Hour Statement: The form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete: Time will very depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandra, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND Fees and Completed Forms to the following address: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. SIGNATURE

## RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER

MAY 0 9 2007

PTO(68/30 Revised (6/20/00)

Approved for use through solocico OMB 0661-0031

U.S. Patent and Tredemark Office. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction act of 1988, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMBV control number.

#### REQUEST

FOR

# CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1998 (AIPA).

collection of information unless translated a start Chief collective translation	
Application Number	09/211,297
Filing Date	December 14, 1998
First Named Inventor	William J. Boyle
Group / Art Unit	1644
Examinar Name	Michael Edward Szperka
Attorney Docket No.	A-451M

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. 37 C.F. R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-dignified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, application my wish to some finite prosticution application (CPA) under 37 C.F. R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent formation of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Proctice Interim Rule, 85 Fed. Rog. 14868 (Mar. 20, 1486) (Mar. 20, 14 edjustment provision of the Arr A. (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice. 1. Submission required under 37 C.F. R. § 1.114 Previously submitted Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on iII. Other 図 Enclosed Amendment/Reply 図 Ĺ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) h 2. Miscellaneous Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for \_\_ Months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) a period of Other 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 01-0519 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in the amount of \$790.00. i. \_. If an additional Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) in the amount of \$\_\_\_ extension of time is required, please consider this a request therefor. iii. 🔲 Other\_ Check in the amount of \$\_ is enclosed Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT. ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) Robert B. Winter NAME (Print/Type) May 9, 2007 Date: SIGNATURE CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mež Stop RCE, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or facelmile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on: NAME (Print/Type) Nola J. Diamond ry depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments formation Office, P.O. Box 1450, neurous/D SIGNATURE Burden Hour Statement: The Lorm is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Tradomark Office, P.O. Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND Fees and Completed Forms to the folio address: Mail Grop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1459, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.